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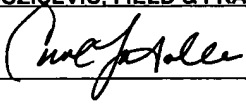


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<b>RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT</b> Address to: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Docket No.	FLEX-001
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Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 18, 2004. A one-month period of response was given making this response timely filed.

In the communication, the Examiner required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-32 and 45-57, drawn to a device;
- Group II: Claims 33-40 and 58-62, drawn to a method of repairing; or
- Group III: Claims 41-44, drawn to a kit.

The Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-32 and 45-57 with traverse. As stated in the MPEP §803, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine the entire application on the merits, even though the entire application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. It is the Applicants' position that it would not be unduly burdensome to perform a search on all of the claims together in the present application. Accordingly, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement as to the claims.

Also in the communication, the Examiner required election of one of the following species of the claimed invention:

- A) Figure 2A
- B) Figure 3A
- C) Figure 3B
- D) Figure 3C
- E) Figure 3D
- F) Figure 4A
- G) Figure 4B

- H) Figure 4C
- I) Figure 4D
- J) Figure 5A
- K) Figure 5B
- L) Figure 5C
- M) Figure 5D
- N) Figure 6A
- O) Figure 6B

The Applicants hereby elect species represented by Fig. 3D with traverse. Claims 1-17, 20, 24, 27, 28, 45-49, 51-53 and 55-57 are believed to read on the subject matter of Fig. 3D.


The Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number FLEX-001.

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